Non-Deposit of PF Fund under TTCI

3636. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of tea gradens under the Tea Trading Corporation of India have failed to deposit Provident Fund money realised from the workers ;

(b) if so, gardenwise amount of such money ; and

(c) the reasons for such failures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Information regarding Provident Fund-money of the tea garden workers not deposited by the Tea Trading Corporation of India is as under:

Amount (*Rs. in lakhs*)

S.No.	Garden	Period	Amount
1.	Pashok Tea Estate	January, 1993 to March, 1994	16.57
2.	Vah-Tukvar Tea Estate.	February, 1993 to March, 1994.	12.38
3.	Potong Tea Estate	January, 1993 to March, 1994	6.45
4.	Looksan tea Estate	September, 1993 to March, 1994	7.69
5.	Pathini Tea Estate	May, 1992 to March, 1994	33.94

(c) Outstandings on a account of Provident Fund dues etc. have accumulated due to deficit in the working of the Gardens Division of the Corporation. The Tea Trading Corporation of India are taking steps for clearance of all outstanding payments in phases during the next one year or so.

Export of Mushroom

3637. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production cost of mushroom is Rs. 8/9 per kilo.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of processed mushroom varies between Rs. 60 to 70 in international market ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have examined the economic viability of processing and export of mushroom ; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM-

MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) As per information available from National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training (ICAR), Solan, the production of mushrooms with moderate climate control is likely to be around Rs. 10/Kg.

(b) International prices depend upon the type of packing and prevalent market conditions. However, the average unit value realisation for exports from India for the last three years works out to Rs. 31.50 per Kg.

(c) and (d) In view of India's comparative advantage in our reasonable labour costs, suitable agro-climate conditions, and recent policy liberalisation, processing and export of mushroom have a good potential. In 1992-93, 3294 mts. of processed mushrooms valued at Rs. 10.81 crores were exported.

Misuse of VABAL facility by Chemical Manufacturers

3638. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the newsitem which appeared in the Economic Times, Delhi Edition of 1st February, 1994 entitled 'Chemical manufacturers name firms violating VABAL facility';

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that such misuse have taken place in import of raw silk; and

(c) whether Government will place on the Table of the House a list of VABAL Licences granted for import of raw silk during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

कृषि उपज निर्यात नीति

3639. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कृषि उपजों के निर्यात के सम्बन्ध में कोई नीति बनाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) कृषि उपज के निर्यात से सम्बन्धित नीति निर्यात-आयात नीति, 1992–97 में पहले से ही शामिल है ।

Export of Sea-food items

3640. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of export of sea-food in the country's exports during the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 stating the target set for the year 1994-95; and

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to further increase the export of sea food items in 1994-95 ?